

BARNES QUICKLY
FLANKS ENEMIES

Plans Early Meeting of State
Committee to Prevent Vote
of Lack of Confidence
in His Leadership.

HINMAN HIS DEFENDER

Talks of Crucifixion and in Bib-
lical Metaphor Asks Opponents
What Barabbas They
"Would Have Released
Unto Them."

Showing the political astuteness and
quick judgment (which not even his
bitterest enemies have denied to him)
William Barnes executed a rapid flank
movement yesterday against those who
on the night before had decreed that
he must retire or be retired as chair-
man of the Republican State Commit-
tee. As he had told a committee re-
presenting those who hold he is an ob-
stacle to the progress of the party he
would not resign, they decided they
would have to organize a campaign
against him.

Realizing that with time they would
probably succeed in getting a majority
of the state committee to vote against
him, Chairman Barnes decided last
night to get the committee together as
soon as possible. At that meeting a
resolution of confidence in his admin-
istration of the leadership of the or-
ganization will be introduced. On that
there will be a line-up. There are
many members of the committee who
believe Mr. Barnes ought to retire vol-
untarily who probably could not be in-
duced at this time to oppose a resolu-
tion of confidence in the state chair-
man.

The ostensible purpose of the meet-
ing will be to consider calling an un-
official state convention this fall to se-
lect candidates for the Court of Ap-
peals.

The call for the meeting of the com-
mittee did not go out last night, but
it may to-day. It is understood that
Mr. Barnes will fix the meeting for
some day this week. This will give
the opposition scarcely any time for a
campaign.

In the early inquiries as to the atti-
tude of members of the state com-
mittee on the question of deposing
Barnes it was learned that many of
them thought it would be an un-
gracious thing to do so long as the
committee owed him \$50,000. This
money he advanced to help pay the ex-
penses of the last campaign. Some of
this has been paid back, but not much.
It was suggested by those who wish
the retirement of Mr. Barnes that they
might succeed in raising this money,
which would leave these members free
to vote against him. But it would take
some time to raise the entire amount.

Barnes Will Stick.

The attitude of the state chairman is
that he will not resign. To those who
have talked to him he says he was
elected to perform certain functions
for a term of two years, and that he
has served the party to the best of his
ability and judgment. It would be
towards, he believed, to retire in the
face of criticism that he holds to be
unjust and unreasonable. If the com-
mittee wants to depose him, all right.
The responsibility would be theirs.

That the state chairman has care-
fully planned to play the role of martyr
is shown by the speech made by As-
semblyman Harold J. Hinman, of Al-
bany, at the conference. He had been
invited, as were a number of other
friends of the state chairman. It was
known that Hinman would represent
the point of view of Mr. Barnes. And
it was also known that he would carry
back to the state chairman a report of
what had been said and who had said
it. This was particularly desired.

Assemblyman Hinman struck out
straight from the shoulder. He de-
clared the attempt to depose Mr.

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REPUBLICANS ONE
FOR PARTY REFORM

Hilles Requested to Call Na-
tional Committee Meeting
Within 60 Days After
Congress Quits.

AID FOR CONGRESS FIGHT

Committee Named to Consider
Power of National Body to
Make Change in Basis
of Representation in
Convention.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, May 24.—The work of
putting the Republican house in order
was begun in earnest to-day by the
executive committee of the Republican
National Committee, which displayed
a unanimity of purpose in making re-
forms in the party organization calcu-
lated to bring together all the hitherto
discordant factions.

The executive committee, by unani-
mous vote, adopted a resolution re-
questing the chairman to call a meet-
ing of the full national committee
within sixty days after the adjourn-
ment of the present session of Con-
gress.

Paved the way for co-operation be-
tween the national committee and the
Congressional committee in future
campaigns.

Authorized the immediate establish-
ment of permanent headquarters in
Washington to conduct publicity work
and prepare for the forthcoming na-
tional campaign.

The question of dealing with the pro-
posed reforms in reorganization was
left to the national committee. It may
decide that it has the authority to
carry out the reforms or it may issue
a call for a national convention to
meet probably in the spring in ad-
vance of the Congressional campaign.

By direction of the executive com-
mittee Chairman Hilles appointed a
legal committee to pass on the ques-
tion whether or not the power was
lodged with the national committee to
make a change in the basis of rep-
resentation and provide for the seating
of delegates selected by primaries. The
members on this committee are Sen-
ator Jones, of Washington; National
Committeeman Charles B. Warren, of
Michigan; National Committeeman
Roy O. West, of Illinois; Representa-
tive James Mann, of Illinois; Sherman
Granger, of Ohio; Assistant Attorney
General James A. Fowler and ex-Rep-
resentative M. E. Olmsted, of Pennsylv-
ania. This committee will be in-
structed to prepare for submission to
the full committee briefs on the legal
powers of the national committee in
connection with every change and re-
form already suggested or likely to be
proposed for its consideration.

To Work with Congress Committee.

Chairman Hilles, ex-Senator Crane,
of Massachusetts; Senator Jackson, of
Maryland, and former Senator Newell
Sanders, of Tennessee, will act as a
committee to co-operate with the Con-
gressional committee.

The members of the executive com-
mittee present and those who attended
the meeting by proxy, representing
practically all shades of Republican
opinion, found themselves substantially
in accord when the question of reor-
ganization was put to them by Chair-
man Hilles. The motions to co-operate
with the Congressional committee and
to establish permanent headquarters
were carried without objection and lit-
tle debate.

When the question of calling the na-
tional committee together to take up
the proposed reforms in party organi-
zation was presented by Mr. Warren,
of Michigan; Mr. Martin, of Virginia,
and Mr. Estabrook, of New Hampshire,
were the only members to demur. Mr.
Martin took the ground that the
growth of the Republican party in the
Southern States would be retarded if
the basis of representation were re-
duced. Mr. Estabrook said that the
Republicans of his state were in favor
of a change in the basis of representa-
tion, but counseled delay in taking up
this and other questions on the ground
that any other course would cause
trouble at present.

Mr. Niedringhaus, of Missouri, who
represented the views of ex-Governor
Hadley, and Senator Jones, who held
the proxy of Samuel A. Perkins, of
Washington, and represented the Pro-
gressive Republican Committee ap-
pointed as a result of the Chicago con-
ference, were disposed, on the other
hand, to urge that the national com-
mittee be called in the near future.
Mr. Niedringhaus then moved that the
meeting be called within thirty days
after Congress adjourned, and to give
Chairman Hilles sufficient latitude to
avoid the possibility of having to call
the meeting in August, sixty days' le-
eway was given him, and the resolution
adopted. As modified, it met the ap-
proval of all the members.

Progressive Demands Met.

The action of the executive com-
mittee to-day meets substantially the de-
mands of the Progressive Republicans
as presented at the Chicago conference.
Senator Cummins and some other of
the Progressive Republicans desired
that the national convention be called
for the present year. The prospect,
however, that the reorganization will
be accomplished in time to enable the
party to enter into the Congress
campaign on a reunited basis mini-
mizes any objections that might have
prevailed to postponing the national

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THE TWELVE MEN WHO FOUND STILWELL GUILTY DESPITE STATE SENATE'S VERDICT.
Top row—left to right: William H. Thrall, William Waldorf, John S. Charlton, Henry B. Nedham, Cornelius V. B. Burrell, Lowell R. Craft. Lower row—left to right: Henry C. Rogers, Horatio S. Kraus, John Hutchinson, jr., William E. Dent, James M. Veader and Fred W. Becker.

M'CARTY KILLED
BY BLOW IN RING

White Heavyweight Champion
Succumbs in Bout with
Arthur Pelky at Cal-
gary, Canada.

FATALITY STUNS BIG CROWD

Fight Barely Under Way When
Punch Over Heart Sends
Title Holder to Floor,
and He Dies in
Eight Minutes.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Calgary, Alberta, May 24.—Luther
McCarty, of Lincoln, Neb., the white
heavyweight champion of the world,
was killed by a blow over the heart de-
livered by Arthur Pelky, of Chicopee
Falls, Mass., in the first round of a
scheduled ten-round bout here this
afternoon. After 1 minute and 45 sec-
onds of actual boxing McCarthy was
knocked down, and Edward Smith, the
referee, went through the formality of
counting him out. Eight minutes later
McCarthy died, without regaining con-
sciousness.

Pelky was arrested on the charge
of manslaughter by the Northwest
Mounted Police, but was released al-
most immediately on bail. He made no
attempt to escape, and was on the
verge of a nervous collapse when taken
prisoner. The fact that he had won
the white heavyweight championship
of the world, and that a golden harvest
could now be reaped in a world that
once was filled with nothing but hard
knocks and reverses, seemed of no im-
portance to him. He was crushed in
spirit and overcome with grief at the
death of his opponent.

The end came so swiftly that few of
the great crowd which gathered to wit-
ness the bout really knew what had
happened. The men sparred around
for a few seconds, feeling each other
out. McCarthy then shot out his left
hand and landed a light jab on Pelky's
face. The latter retaliated by jolting
the champion on the jaw, driving him
to the ropes. The punch hurt, but Mc-
Carthy looked over to his corner and
smiled at his seconds. He was the
real champion, and defeat would not
come to him. Again McCarthy lunged
out with his left and followed with a
right hand uppercut to the head. Even
as he led, Pelky put all his power in
one desperate blow to his opponent's
body. The men at the ringside heard
the thud, but the fighters instantly
went into a clinch. After the break
they sparred for a second, and then
McCarthy settled into a crouch.

For the moment no one paid much
attention, believing that it was merely
a fighting pose. McCarthy, however, set-
tled lower and lower, and at last
dropped to the floor. He gasped for
breath and his eyes rolled. Instantly
the referee stepped in between Pelky
and the fallen fighter and began tolling
off the count. He did not realize at
that moment that he was tolling off
the final count for the young fighter
who only a few moments before had
entered the ring a smiling, confident
champion, greeting his friends at the
ringside and chatting with his handlers
and manager.

Cheers Greet Tragedy.

The crowd, too, was ignorant of the
tragedy it was witnessing, and hailed
the man who won with shouts that
fairly rent the sky. Forgetting the
deeds of McCarthy, all eyes were turned
to the conqueror. Pelky stood close to
the referee, watching the man on the
floor and ready to renew the battle
should McCarthy rise to continue. As
Smith brought the count to a close
McCarthy shuddered and settled back
on the floor.

In McCarthy's corner all was excite-
ment. "Billy" McCarthy, the man who
brought him out, stood with his body
halfway through the lower rope, plead-
ing with the fallen man to get up.

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STEPHEN J. STILWELL.

ATE SO FAST HE DIED

Haste Proved Fatal to Man
Who Didn't Take Time to Chew

James Gregory, of Queens, died sud-
denly yesterday. An ambulance sur-
geon expressed belief that death had
resulted from strangulation, caused by
too rapid eating and inadequate mas-
tication.

Gregory, who was forty-seven years
of age, and lived in Werdland avenue,
went to Manning's Hotel for dinner
yesterday. When half through the
meal he collapsed. He was carried to
a drug store, and a telephone message
was sent to St. Mary's Hospital, Ju-
maica, for an ambulance. Dr. Stark
found Gregory dead when he arrived.

NO FIREMEN'S PLATOONS

Vetoing Bill, Sulzer Says It's
Home Rule Matter.

Albany, May 24.—Governor Sulzer
vetoed to-day the Malloy bill which
was designed to provide a two-platoon
system for the firemen of New York,
Buffalo and Rochester.

"I am convinced," said the Governor,
"that the approval of this measure
would interfere greatly with the effi-
ciency of the Fire Department in the
cities affected, and further that the
regulation of the matter should be per-
formed by the local authorities."

CRIB CAUSES BABY'S DEATH

Mother Finds Child Squeezed
Between Two Slats.

Montclair, N. J., May 24.—Cedric Le-
roy Heyer, one year old, son of Arthur
P. Heyer, a well known automobile
dealer, of No. 45 North Fullerton ave-
nue, slipped between the slats at the
side of its crib yesterday and was
choked to death.

DIES AT EDWARDS DINNER

260-Pound Messenger Killed
by Dancing Irish Jig.

William Dowd, a 260-pound mes-
senger in the Street Cleaning Depart-
ment, dropped dead last night while
dancing an Irish jig at a dinner for
Commissioner Edwards given by the
inspectors of the department at Saen-
gerbund Hall, Smith and Schermerhorn
streets, Brooklyn.

The four hundred inspectors, mem-
bers of the Association of Classified
Inspectors of the Street Cleaning De-
partment of Greater New York, and
their friends had just listened to a
speech by the Commissioner, himself a
very heavy man, when Dowd rose to
his feet and addressed the Commis-
sioner.

"You've got nothing on me, Commis-
sioner. I'll bet you can't do this," said
the messenger.

Then he commenced the whirling and
skipping Irish jig, but fell to the floor
after less than two minutes of dancing.
When Dr. Gildersleeve, of the Brook-
lyn Hospital, arrived Dowd was dead.

Sadly the party broke up, leaving the
Commissioner and his aids with the
dead messenger and the ambulance
surgeon.

Dowd lived with his wife and seven
children at No. 459 44th street, Brook-
lyn.

CULEBRA CUT COMPLETED

Panama Canal Finished at
Grade from Ocean to Ocean.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Panama, May 24.—The Culebra Cut
in the Panama Canal was completed
this afternoon, when two huge steam
shovels met at grade. One shovel had
worked from the east, the other from
the west, and as they threw out the
last of the dirt whistles blew and hun-
dreds of men stopped to cheer.

There is yet 8,000,000 cubic yards of
earth to be removed in broadening the
canal. Slides, however, may add to
this before the waterway is dug to the
required width.

WIFE AD. IS BIG SUCCESS

L. I. Man's Mail Increases Until
Postmaster Begs for Mercy.

Girls of sixteen and women of sixty
are among the numerous applicants
who are eager to accept the offer of
Ernest W. Darrow, of Patchogue, Long
Island, who has announced that he
wants a wife and will allow her \$40 a
week for household expenses.

Mr. Darrow is a prosperous con-
tractor. He is a widower and has four
children. So great has been the press
of correspondence that the local post-
master has asked Mr. Darrow to make
haste in choosing. A number of pho-
tographs have arrived, but as yet no
one has applied in person.

DRIVES RULER INTO BRAIN

Child Who Fell with Metal Meas-
ure in Mouth Is Killed.

Three-year-old Edward Bracken was
playing with a small metal ruler yester-
day in his home, No. 243 Floyd
street, Brooklyn. While he ran across
the dining room floor he placed the
ruler in his mouth, slipped on a rug
and fell, the ruler being forced through
the roof of his mouth and striking his
brain.

Hearing the boy's screams, Mrs.
Bracken rushed into the room. The
boy was later taken to the German
Hospital. Every effort was made to
save his life, but he died while an op-
eration was being performed.

\$15,000 VASES FOR \$7

Collector of Antiques Quickly
Recovers Stolen Goods.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Boston, May 24.—After a twenty-four
hour search the police recovered in a
Cambridge pawnshop parts of five Japa-
nese vases, said to be more than five
hundred years old, which had been
stolen from Lawrence Barry, a Med-
ford collector of antiques, by Walter
Johnson, one of his drivers. The vases
had been sold for \$7.

Each vase stands from five to seven
feet high and the total value has been
placed at \$15,000. For one vase alone
Mr. Barry asks \$3,000.

Johnson, who was arraigned in the
Malden District Court to-day, pleaded
guilty and was held for the grand jury.

SULZER MUM ON STILWELL.

Albany, May 24.—Governor Sulzer
declined to discuss Stephen J. Stilwell's
conviction to-night.

THIRTY-FOUR DEAD
IN PIER COLLAPSE

Double-Decked Shed at Long
Beach, Cal., Falls Under
Weight of 10,000 at
Empire Day Fete.

ALL OF BRITISH ORIGIN

Throng of 25,000 on Beach
Scatters in Panic—Tide
Out, or Hundreds Prob-
ably Would Have
Been Drowned.

Long Beach, Cal., May 24.—Thirty-
four persons were killed and fifty se-
riously injured to-day, when the land
end of the double-deck municipal pier
in front of the City Auditorium col-
lapsed under the burden of nearly ten
thousand human beings assembled for
the festivities of British Empire Day.
Hundreds of persons on the top deck
were plunged upon the heads of other
hundreds below. The lower deck then
gave way and all dropped twenty-five
feet down a chute of shattered wood-
work to the tide-washed sands. On
top of the heap of dead and injured
tumbled a large mass of wreckage.

The dead, who were mostly women,
were killed by the shivered timbers or
crushed by falling bodies. Apart from
the half hundred who were seriously
injured scores of others were bruised
and cut or affected by hysteria and
fright. The victims were nearly all
subjects or former subjects of Great
Britain, living in Southern California,
most of them being residents of Los
Angeles and vicinity.

The dead, many of whom were still
unidentified to-night, were laid in the
National Guard Armory, while the in-
jured were hurried to various hospitals
in this city and Los Angeles.

Los Angeles Sends Aid.

All the doctors in the city are work-
ing to-night, and their efforts are re-
inforced by surgeons and nurses who
came from Los Angeles when appeals
for aid were sent to that city.

The accident occurred a few minutes
before noon. The Empire Day parade,
the principal feature of the celebration
of Queen Victoria's natal anniversary,
had just ended, and the participants,
with thousands of other visitors, were
crowding up the steps of the pier and
surging toward the auditorium. The
pier floor sagged and a moment later
the supports gave way. The crack
and crash of breaking timbers mingled
with the shrieks and cries of the vic-
tims as a huge mass of timber and
writhing human forms piled up on the
sand. Then a portion of the audi-
torium front fell atop of all.

The cause of the accident was the
overburdening of the pier. This, ac-
cording to an official statement to-
night, was due to the delay in unlock-
ing the auditorium doors. Had the
doors been opened at the proper time,
it was asserted, the crowd would have
gone inside, instead of massing at the
doors, where the weight overwhelmed
the pier supports.

Scottish bagpipers had just entered
the portal of the auditorium and were
still marking time when the timbers
were sundered.

Two Mayors Direct Rescue.

Mayor Hatch of Long Beach, who
was to have been one of the principal
speakers at the celebration, was in the
midst of the throng on the pier, and at
first was reported among the dead or
injured. He escaped unhurt, however,
and aided by Mayor George Alexander
of Los Angeles, who came down at the
head of the city's public hospital corps
and several platoons of police, helped
to direct the work of rescue.

In addition to the thousands gathered
on the pier and its approaches the
strand was thronged by a crowd of
probably 25,000 persons. There was
little warning. A resounding crack

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STILWELL GUILTY;
FATE STUNS HIM;
ONE VOTE ENOUGH

Jury, Out Two Hours and Eight
Minutes, Decides George H.
Kendall's Accusation of
Bribery Was True.

SENATOR GOES TO TOMBS

Remanded Until Wednesday for
Sentence, but Prisoner and
Counsel Have Little Hope
Upper Courts Will Save
Him from Prison.

'WARNING' TO LEGISLATORS

Prosecution, Summing Up, Appealed
for Finding That Would Show
Lawmakers People Would Not
Tolerate "Whitewash" of
Malefactors—Ten Years
Maximum Sentence.

Stephen J. Stilwell, state Senator
from The Bronx, was convicted of
bribery in the Supreme Court before
Justice Seabury yesterday. The Sen-
ate acquitted him on the same charge
by a vote of 28 to 21 on April 15. The
jury was out two hours and eight min-
utes, but only one ballot was taken.
All the jurors were agreed upon the
guilt of the defendant.

Nine of the jurors wanted to return
a verdict of guilty immediately after
leaving their seats, but their associates
argued that Stilwell's position in the
community as Senator and lawyer en-
titled him to a pronouncement that did
not have the appearance of too much
haste.

The conviction deprives Stilwell of
his office as State Senator and dis-
qualifies him from ever holding office
in the State of New York. Another con-
sequence of the verdict of the jury
will be his disbarment as a lawyer.
This will be formally done when the
record of the conviction reaches the
Appellate Division.

The jurors examined the salient
points of the evidence with minute de-
tail, and even went through a hand-
writing test to determine just what
weight should be given to the story of
George A. Field, whose testimony re-
garding his transcript of the telephone
conversation between Stilwell and
George H. Kendall was largely relied
upon by the defense.

Stilwell shed no tears when he heard
the verdict. He knew it was against
him as soon as the jurors had reached
their seats, when his counsel, William
T. Byrne, came over to the prisoner's
dock and whispered:

"Keep cool, 'Steve,' and take it
bravely."

A moment before he had been lean-
ing carelessly against the rail. When
his attorney spoke to him he straight-
ened and braced himself for the blow.

The announcement of "Guilty" had
scarcely been uttered by the foreman,
Henry C. Rogers, when two or three
handclaps could be heard in the rear
of the courtroom. Justice Seabury ham-
mered the desk with his gavel and the
outburst was checked, but, coming
from the public seats, it struck Stilwell
like a blow from behind before he had
recovered from the onslaught of the
law in front.

Ten-Year Sentence Possible.

Stilwell may be sentenced to state's
prison for not more than ten years, and
in addition may be fined not more than
\$5,000. Justice Seabury remanded him
until Wednesday for sentence. He will
be a prisoner in the Tombs until then.

Robert M. Moore, Stilwell's counsel,
announced he would apply for a cer-
tificate of reasonable doubt immedi-
ately after sentence, and that the case
would be carried up, but neither the
defendant nor his lawyers seemed to
have much hope for the success of an
appeal.

Stilwell himself said he did not want
to comment upon the verdict or the
case in any way. Even to the score
or more of personal friends who crowd-
ed around him before he was led out
of the courtroom to the Bridge of Sighs
he had no ready response, satisfying
himself with a silent handclasp. Coun-
sel for Stilwell felt the attack on his
credibility by the exposures of his past
record was chiefly responsible for the
verdict.

Charles C. Nott, jr., the Assistant
District Attorney, who handled the
prosecution, said he believed the ver-
dict was the only possible one, in view
of the evidence. "The lesson of it is,"
said Mr. Nott, "that it is dangerous to
attempt to give any accused man a
hurried whitewash. There was a gen-
eral impression that if the Senate had
decided upon the evidence presented
there to expel Stilwell the present pro-
ceeding would never have been
brought."

The prosecutor thought the cross-ex-
amination shattered Stilwell's attempt-
ed explanations of the "fifteen" tele-
gram, which, according to Kendall, re-
ferred to the demand for \$1,500 for the
Assembly Codes Committee, and which
Stilwell asserted was in relation only to
the number of men on that committee.

Talk with Kendall Settled It.

Justice Seabury's charge impressed
upon the jurors the fact that the entire
case hinged upon their view of the evi-
dence as to the conversation in Stil-
well's New York office on March 24 be-